

**County of San Luis Obispo
DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, May 20, 2010**

Board Members Present: Charlie Archibald, Free Draga, Thomas Keylon, John Lovern, Dennis Palm, Jason Reed, Harmony Salgado, Aurora William, Maryanne Zarycka

Board Members Excused: Carol Allen, Ken Conway, Lanny Erickson, Harlan Hobgood, Carol Schaffer

Board Members Absent: Priscilla Mikesell, Dannie Rodgers-Tope, Harry Sharp

Staff Members Present: Star Graber, Karen Baylor

Guest Present: Sue Warren, Michael Axelrod

Agenda	Discussion	Action	Who/When
WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS	Chair Jason Reed called meeting to order at 12:08 PM		
REVIEW OF MINUTES	The April 15, 2010 meeting minutes are approved as written	Motion made 2nd	John Lovern Dennis Palm
BOARD MEMBERS RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT	Board Members up for renewal of appointment are Charlie Archibald, Lanny Erickson, Priscilla Mikesell and Aurora William. A consensus of board members in attendance was taken, all approved for renewal. Jason mentioned time to renew/replace board chair and vice chair. To be voted on at June meeting. Jason has shown interest in continuing as board chair. Maryanne to chair nominating committee for officers for DAAB.		
STATE NET NEGOTIATED AMOUNT (NNA) AND COUNTY BUDGET	The Board of Supervisors budget hearing date is June 14 and 15. No proposed changes to budget as submitted. The Governor did release the state level budget. The areas that effect Drug and Alcohol services are a total elimination of the offender treatment program funding (Prop 36). The DAAB has sent a letter to the legislature in support of reinstating this funding. Also proposed is a total elimination of CalWorks. This includes a Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health set aside within these dollars. At this point, our division does not receive CalWorks funding, with the exception of \$94,000 which goes to support Choices House #1. There is also a proposal for a total elimination of Drug Medi-Cal. In San Luis Obispo County we do not process Drug Medi-Cal billing. However, the Methadone clinic in Atascadero does accept Drug Medi-Cal. Star states that DAS is not looking at any layoffs. There are 2 pending grants, we will find out if we receive them by mid-September. Karen Baylor states that the Assembly rejected the cuts for Drug Medi-Cal.		
ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT	Star has been participating in many meetings on the homeless. In the conversation the subject of detox always comes up. Star has met with Supervisor Adam Hill in regards to the homeless in San Luis Obispo. He is interested in setting aside a portion of the new homeless shelter to be used as a detox program. Star has also met with a few local hospitals in regards to issues with detox services. The County has had numerous audits recently. Both Federal and State audits--all audit results were excellent.		

Behavioral Health Dept Administrators & Mental Health Board Report	Karen announced the County has hired a new medical director. The new medical director, Daisy Alano, will start in July. It was suggested she attend a DAAB meeting. Karen states that the last week has been a State budget nightmare. The Mental Health side is looking very grim. It was suggested that a letter of support from the DAAB be sent to the State legislatures.		
Action item: Draft Commendation Letter for Staff Salary Savings	Copy of original draft and revised draft were handed out. Aurora recommends accepting revised letter as written. A motion was made and a second given. Revised draft was passed.	Handout given Motion made 2nd	Aurora William Dennis Palm
Discussion on Sober Living Environments, Residential Treatment, and Housing	Michael Axelrod from Project Amend gave presentation on the licensed residential treatment program. Project Amend is a residential treatment program with beds for 10 adult men. This program is a 90-day treatment program with the ability to go up to 6 months. They have recently pared it down from 90 days to an intense 30-day program. The fee for a 30-day stay is \$7,500. Jason asked if Project Amend is seeing any trends. Michael says Oxycotin use among college age students is the current trend. They sometimes see clients wanting to detox from Suboxone or Methadone. John asked if interns were needed, Michael to discuss with him after meeting. Family group meetings are held on Saturdays, clients then visit with family afterward. By the end of 30 days, clients are drug-free.		
Parity & Health Care Integration (Office National Drug Control Policy) Presentation	Star states that we could see some expansion at the Federal level of health care dealing specifically with addiction. This parity act is now public law in October 2008, to take effect January 2010 and implement with insurance plans in July 2010. The goal of this law is to eliminate discrimination in insurance coverage for mental and substance use disorders, and to expand access to treatment. Basically, if you currently have health insurance, the insurance company cannot restrict the coverage any differently then would be done for physical illnesses. MHPAEA prohibits group health plans/health insurers offering substance use disorder/mental health benefits from applying financial requirements or treatment limitations to SUD or MH benefits that are more restrictive than the predominant financial requirements or treatment limitations applied to substantially all medical or surgical benefits. This would include deductibles, copayments, out-of-pocket maximums, treatment visit frequency limitations or length of stay limits. Recovery support services being researched: telephone, self-help/support groups, check ups with medical doctors and recovery coaches. This may also include prescription drug use monitoring and vouchers for recovery services. California has no parity yet, but Assembly Bill 1600 is pending.	Handout given	
ANNOUNCEMENT AND REPORT OUTS	<u>Juvenile Justice Commission</u> -no report <u>Co-occurring Disorders Steering Committee</u> -next meeting June 17. Dr. Mee Lee workshop on June 3 rd , 8:30AM-4PM at Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo. <u>Adult Services Policy Council</u> - Jason was unable to attend Star states that a Section 8 waiting list is opening in June with only a four day window. Star gave handout of residential services continuum for San Luis Obispo County.	Handout given Handout given	

	The new County computer program contract to go before Board of Supervisors next Tuesday. New program is for Drug and Alcohol and Mental Health. This will be a 2-3 year process.		
AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING	Action item: voting for DAAB Chair and Vice Chair for next term Gryphon Society presentation-Bull Chaney Proclamation Draft-Affirming the County's commitment to support and protect the youth of the community and to oppose the legal sale of marijuana in any form-Aurora William Airline bottles discussion-Thomas Keylon Project Hope-Maryanne Zarycka		

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. Next meeting to be held June 17, 2010 12-1:30PM